



WATER MILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

July 10, 2011

Order of Worship

Welcome

Brian York

Song Leader

Jon Ewing

#226 (1,3,4)

#36 (1,2,3,4)

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Opening Prayer

Jeremy Thurlkill

#203

The Lord's Supper

Todd Kraus

#336

Contribution

Todd Kraus

#401

Lesson

Bill McFarland

#402

Announcements

Gene Lund

#76

Closing Prayer

Tim Bowling

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)

"IN LOVE WITH THIS PRESENT WORLD"

One of the tragic characters of the New Testament is Demas. There are three references to him in Paul's letter. In the first instance Paul included Demas in a list which he called "my fellow-workers" (Philemon 24). In the next reference he was simply "Demas" (Col. 4:14). On the third mention the imprisoned Apostle said, "For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me" (2 Tim. 4:10).

The story of Demas is the sad history of a worker for the Lord who was led astray by his love for this material world. Every servant of the Lord should learn some lasting lessons from him.

1. Love for the world will cause one to forsake the Lord. By "the world" we do not mean mankind nor God's creation, but the way of life which leaves God out. John defined all that is in the world as "the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions" (1 John 2:16). It is the spirit of worldliness which works in the sons of disobedience who become "children of wrath" (Eph. 2:2,3). No wonder the apostle wrote, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

2. The love of the world captures people gradually. Demas had evidently not caved into materialism all of a sudden. Paul's statements paint the picture of one who drifted away step by step. He was first Demas the fellow-worker, then Demas, then Demas who loved the world. Worldliness has a way of creeping up on us. That is why it is so important for us to "pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." (Heb. 2:1). The only way we can keep from falling in love with this present world is for us to be growing in our love for the Lord.

3. The danger is real, no matter how diligent one has been. The tug of the world is so powerful that it captured Demas even though he had been a fellow-worker with the apostle Paul. That one has been an active servant of the Master is no guarantee that the world cannot capture his affections. "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).

There may have never been a time when the lure of worldliness and materialism has been such a powerful temptation. The Lord's people must be constantly aware of the danger.

- Bill McFarland

Today's Messages:

AM: The Church's Role in the World

PM: The Problem of Heartache

Activities & News

Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

For The Record July 3

Bible Study:	216
Morning:	313
Evening:	163
Wednesday (7/6):	237
Contribution:	\$ 8,033



Elder of the Month
Gene Lund

Sign up on the list at the information desk if you plan to ride the bus to Joplin tomorrow!

- ⇒ *Visitation Group #2 will meet tonight after services in Room 126.*
- ⇒ *Ladies Book Club meeting is tomorrow night at 6:30 at the Currier's home. Pick up a copy of directions to Linda's home at the Information Desk*
- ⇒ *Elders meet Tuesday at 2 p.m.*
- ⇒ *Quilters meet July 19th at 10 am*
- ⇒ *If you have not picked up your new Pictorial Directory, see Johnnie in the office; be sure to check out the online directory.*



The young ladies of the congregation are honoring our Elders, Deacons and Ministers with an Appreciation Dinner on Friday night, July 29th. You don't want to miss it! Dress for the dinner is formal or dressy. Elders, Deacons, Ministers— Please sign the sheet at the Information Desk by Sunday, July 24th if you plan to attend so they will know how much food to prepare. Several women of the congregation and the young ladies have put a lot of work into planning and preparing for this special dinner. Thanks to Don and Ruth for their generosity.

GOLDEN AGERS (55 & older)
TAKE NOTICE: The date for the **13TH GOLDEN AGE JAMBOREE** in now fixed for **October 8, 2011**. Guest Speaker is Charles Rose, from Lincoln, MO. Mark your calendars!!



Watch for more information!
SUPER SATURDAY
VBS coming August 6

- ⇒ *TODAY pizza & bowling after AM service—\$12 per person*
- ⇒ *Tuesday: Titus 2 from 10—12*
- ⇒ *Wednesday night is ROW; putt-putt golf after church*
- ⇒ *Titus 2 July 19th*
- ⇒ *July 17-23—Bill's Session at Green Valley Bible Camp*
- ⇒ *July 24-27: Shelia Hansen's Girls' Session at Happy Hollow*
- ⇒ *Aug. 5-7—Christ Quest at Mountain Home*



Potluck July 31st

Team 4 is responsible for working that day.

Kitchen: Debbie Kern, Lee Ann Donoho, Glenda Thurlkill, Karen Duncan, Linda Currier, Nancy Snider, Nadean Green, Sharon Joseph, Emily Simons, Leah Prewitt **Setup:** George Downing, Eddie Currier, Mike Thurlkill, Verl Duncan, Oran Green, James Simons, Steve Prewitt **Cleanup:** Les & Pat Malanowski, Jim & Johnnie Elliff, Eddie & Donna Sanders



Young Men!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday July 30th** for the first annual **Ozarks Ministry Training** day. It will be held here at the building for area wide young men. Invite your friends! This will be a great day to learn more about preaching God's word. All men are invited to be there to help support and encourage the young men! For more info talk to Daniel Meinsen or Kyle Buckner. **There are signup sheets on the Information Desk for attendees and for food preparation.**



Please check out the Blessing Tree in the east side of the foyer for needed VBS/camp supplies. If you prefer to donate \$1 or \$2 instead of purchasing an item, see Leah Prewitt or Johnnie. (If there are no apples, check back later.)

Prayer List & Notes

- ☞ *Wasn't it great to see Abi Thornton and her family here last Sunday! Keep them in your prayers as she continues with rehab.*
- ☞ *Rose Lynch will see her doctor in Kansas City tomorrow and will be scheduled for surgery for breast cancer; Jack Lynch also has some health issues that will be addressed on Monday in Kansas City; keep them in your prayers as they deal with these health problems and as they travel*
- ☞ *Herman Harris has been moved to Cox Walnut Lawn, Room 311, 1000 East Walnut Lawn Street, 65807*
- ☞ *Continue to remember: Kay Adams who is at Select Speciality Hospital, Room B102; Arilla Buck who is at Magnolia Square and Shirley Bartlett who will be moving to a health care facility soon*

Friends and Family:

- ◇ *Dorann Thoreen, Terry Loveland's cousin in Phoenix, suffered a massive stroke Thursday and is not expected to live; Terry has gone to be with her.*
- ◇ *Norman & Lucile High's great grandson, Dylan's surgery was postponed until later this summer*
- ◇ *Pat Milligan's brother, John Cummings; Lanae Gillespie's mother Geneve Treat, and Jay Sardeson's mother, all are dealing with cancer*

Long-Term

Shirley Bartlett
Paul Bratcher
Doris Burch
Bonnie Cole
Lucille/Milton Ford
Herman Harris
Marilyn Lanpher
Jarita Nimmo
Betty Shaw
Doris Tobler
Pat Woods

Military:

Cody Newman
Elaine Noe
Matthew Patterson

Expectant Mom

Megan Crum
Hollingsworth
(Aug)



All are invited to the celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Loretta Cunningham and the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Russell & Elizabeth Lilly on Saturday, July 23 from 2—6 p.m. at the Water Mill Church of Christ. Cunningham Renewal of Vows at 3 p.m. No gifts please.



I'm writing this thank you with tears in my eyes and joy in my heart! I'm not sure that there are words that can describe how wonderful this congregation is and how grateful we are to belong to it. We have truly been blessed with so many acts of kindness. We want to say thank you for all the prayers, visits, food, gifts and the extended love to Jacob. In Christian love, *Tyler, Julie, Jacob & Abigail*

We want to say thank you to our brothers & sisters in Christ for their prayers and loving concern for Tommy's mother during her hospitalization and for the lovely cards of sympathy after her passing. We made it safely through the rush hour traffic in Dallas and we are also thankful to God for getting us and our precious grandchildren home safely. In Christian love, *Tommy & Betty Grabber*

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the following people who helped with my day camp session: George Downing, Carrie, Charlie & Luke Lines, Lora Luna, Jenny Carroll, Nancy Snider, Samantha & Tori York, Allisa & Kyle Buckner and Erica Ewing. Also thanks to all the Junior Counselors ("C.I>T.s") and campers. Thanks to all of you for your hard work, cooperation, and positive attitudes! *Alice Buckner*

I want to thank David Ratterree, Travis Morrison and Kelley Epperly for all the hard work they did getting the tree off my house and good job of cleaning it up off my yard. May God bless them and give them a good life and blessing. In Christian love, *Illene Birdsong*



Birthdays Next Week

17 Lance Griter
18 Jan Bowling
Marie Noe
19 Jill Morrison
A.J. McCall
20 Tony Compton
Elizabeth Tieszen
Daniel Tovar
21 Janel Wydick
22 Cheryl Friend
Alyssa Tillman
Audrey Wuench



Questioning the Authority of the Apostles

By Dennis R. Smith

It is sad that so many people question the authority of the Lord's Apostles but at the same time say they believe all that Jesus said and did which are recorded in the Four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I even heard of a minister who applied for a position at one of our churches who stated that all his sermons would be on the words of Jesus and not the Apostles. If we accept any part of the Bible, we must accept it all. In the prayer which Jesus prayed prior to his crucifixion, it becomes imperative that we understand this part of his prayer: "For I have given unto them (The Apostles) the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me" (John 17:8). In the conversation which he had with Peter (and it also applied to the rest of the Apostles) in Matthew Sixteen, he told them "whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." But if one may think this applied to the original twelve Apostles (and not Paul) listen to his own words: "For I neither received it (the gospel) of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:12). Since "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17), we have no excuse but to believe its every word. Don't forget, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2nd Tim. 3:16).

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship...5:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Class....7:00 PM

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Mark & Era Thiesen, Malawi, Africa
 Joey & Tammy Treat, Northern Mariana Islands

Voice of Truth International

Charles Renfro, Latin American Missions

World Christian Broadcasting

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief

Lincoln Church of Christ

Fair Haven Children's Home

"In Search Of
 The Lord's Way"
 7:00 A.M. Sundays
 KOLR TV 10

"Know Your Bible"
 10:30 A.M. Sundays
 Springfield 33
 KSPR-TV



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Service Rosters

THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Pat Malanowski/O. Blackburn
Greeters: Ruth Reaves/Chatty Timmons
Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970
KYB Phone: Verl & Karen Duncan
Serve Russell Lilly/Tom Meeks
Communion: Paul Lines/Les Malanowski
 Brent Looney/Jason Luna
 Fred Lorenz/Jack Lynch
 Terry Loveland/John Mahon

THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer: Larry Baggett
Lesson: Bill McFarland
Closing Prayer: Van Barnes
Communion: Tim/Kyle Buckner
Nursery: Alice Buckner/J. Carroll

NEXT WEEK, July 17

	MORNING	EVENING
Song Leader:	Jon Ewing	Andrew Morton
Opening Prayer:	Brendan Carroll	Van Barnes
Communion:	Clay Joseph	Tim/Kyle Buckner
Closing Prayer:	Mike Thurlkill	Don Tracy
AM Nursery:	Robin Meeks/Jan Bowling	
PM Nursery:	Lee Ann Donoho/Karen Duncan	
Greeters:	Eddie & Donna Sanders	
Van Driver:	Shannon Haddock/732-4203	

MONTH OF JULY

Ushers: Scott Nichols/
Shannon Haddock
AV Room: Scott Barton/
Daniel Meinsen
Secure Building: Paul Lines/
Tim Buckner

Wednesday, July 13

Devotional: Dale Gregory
Song Leader: John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Barney Crawford
Closing Prayer: Eddie Currier
Van Driver: Todd Kraus